



THE COMPLETE PUPPY PREPARATION CHECKLIST



Burning Eyes k9

PUPPY PREP LIST

*Everything you
should have ready
before your puppy
comes home*



Congratulations!
Bringing home a puppy is exciting, but those first few weeks shape the dog they'll become. This checklist covers the essentials to help you start off on the right foot

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Remember: Every puppy is an individual. This checklist provides general guidance and isn't a substitute for personalised training advice.

– *Jay Biswas*



BEFORE YOUR PUPPY ARRIVES

Safe Living Space

☐ Puppy-proof your home

Hide electrical wires

Remove toxic plants

Store medicines away safely

Keep cleaning chemicals locked away

Remove loose shoes, socks and children's
toys

Secure balconies and staircases if
necessary

☐ Decide where your puppy will:



Sleep

Eat

Drink

Toilet

Relax without being disturbed



ESSENTIAL SHOPPING LIST

Feeding

- ☐ Stainless steel food bowl
- ☐ Stainless steel water bowl
- ☐ Puppy food (ask breeder/rescue what they are currently eating)
- ☐ Airtight food storage container
- ☐ Measuring cup

Sleeping

- ☐ Comfortable washable bed
- ☐ Extra blankets
- ☐ Crate or puppy pen (optional but highly recommended. Book a consultation if unsure on how to use a crate)



Walking Equipment

- ☐ Flat collar
- ☐ ID tag with phone number
- ☐ Standard 5–6 ft leash



ESSENTIAL SHOPPING LIST

Toilet Essentials

- ☐ Enzyme based cleaner for accidents
 - ☐ Poop bags
 - ☐ Cleaning cloths
- ☐ Mop/bucket ready for inevitable messes

Grooming

- ☐ Puppy shampoo
 - ☐ Soft brush
- ☐ Toothbrush and dog toothpaste

Enrichment

- ☐ Safe chew toys
 - ☐ Food puzzle toys
 - ☐ Soft toys
 - ☐ Rubber enrichment toy
- Rotate toys weekly to keep them interesting.





VETERINARY PREPARATION

Before bringing your puppy home:

- ☐ Find a trusted veterinarian nearby
 - ☐ Save emergency clinic numbers
 - ☐ Ask for vaccination schedule
 - ☐ Ask about deworming schedule
 - ☐ Discuss flea and tick prevention
- ☐ Understand when outdoor walks are considered safe

NUTRITION

Don't switch foods immediately.

For the first week:

- ☐ Continue the current food
- ☐ Introduce new food gradually over 7–10 days if changing

Always ensure:

- ✓ Fresh drinking water
- ✓ Regular meal timings
- ✓ Appropriate portion sizes





FAMILY RULES

Everyone should agree on:

Can the puppy go on furniture?

Can they sleep on the bed?

Who feeds them?

Who walks them?

What words will everyone use?

Examples:

"Sit"

"Down"

"Come"

"Leave It"

Consistency prevents confusion.





DAILY ROUTINE

Puppies thrive on predictable schedules.

Include:

- ✓ Meal times
- ✓ Toilet breaks
- ✓ Short training sessions
 - ✓ Play
 - ✓ Rest
 - ✓ Quiet time

Overtired puppies often become bitey, zoomy and difficult, not because they're "naughty", but because they're exhausted.





EMERGENCY CONTACTS

KEEP THESE SAVED:

- ☐ **FAMILY VETERINARIAN**
- ☐ **24-HOUR EMERGENCY VETERINARY HOSPITAL**
- ☐ **TRUSTED PET SITTER**
- ☐ **TRAINER OR BEHAVIOUR CONSULTANT**

Helpful Supplies (Optional)

- ☐ Car seat belt attachment or travel crate
 - ☐ Cooling mat (especially in Indian summers)
 - ☐ Portable water bottle
 - ☐ Tick remover tool
 - ☐ Lint roller
 - ☐ Slow feeder bowl
 - ☐ Treat pouch
- ☐ Small first-aid kit for pets





INDIAN CLIMATE CONSIDERATIONS

India's weather can vary greatly depending on where you live, so plan accordingly:

- ☀️ Always provide access to shade and fresh water during hot weather.
- ☀️ Avoid walks during the hottest part of the day.
- ☀️ Be cautious of hot roads and pavements that can burn paws.
- ☀️ During monsoons, dry paws thoroughly after walks to reduce the risk of skin issues.
- ☀️ Use parasite prevention consistently, as fleas and ticks are common in many parts of India.





BEFORE YOU BRING PUPPY HOME FINAL CHECKLIST

- ☐ Home puppy-proofed
 - ☐ Food purchased
 - ☐ Bowls ready
 - ☐ Bed prepared
- ☐ Collar and harness fitted
 - ☐ Vet selected
- ☐ Family rules agreed
- ☐ Training plan ready
- ☒ Most importantly...
Bring patience.





REMEMBER: THE PUPPY YOU BRING HOME TODAY WON'T BECOME A CONFIDENT, WELL-MANNERED ADULT BY CHANCE. GOOD HABITS ARE BUILT THROUGH CONSISTENCY, KINDNESS AND GUIDANCE FROM THE VERY BEGINNING.

Want to Give Your Puppy the Best Start?

The first few months are the most important learning period of your dog's life. Every puppy is different, and small changes in those early weeks can make a big difference later on. If you're unsure about toilet training, biting, jumping, socialisation or building good habits from day one, consider booking a professional puppy consultation. Getting personalised guidance early is often far easier than fixing unwanted behaviours later.



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